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For: **CONTINUOUS DEHYDRATION OF  
ALCOHOL TO ETHER AND WATER  
USED AS FUEL FOR DIESEL ENGINES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-6, without prejudice.

Add new claims 7-11 as follows:

7. (New) A process of preparing an oxygenated diesel fuel composition sustainable for use in compression ignition internal combustion engines, comprising methanol, dimethyl ether and water, comprising the step of converting methanol containing up to 20% w/w of water and up to 20% w/w of ethanol or higher alcohol in a